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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

MARIA GRIGORIEVNA LUNTS, et al. : EXAMINER: MARX, I.

SERIAL NO: 10/822,704 :

FILED: APRIL 13, 2004 : ART UNIT: 1651

FOR: BACTERIUM HAVING ABILITY TO PRODUCE L-GLUTAMIC ACID,
L-PROLINE OR L-ARGININE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC
ACID, L-PROTEIN OR L-ARGININE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 13, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, L-glutamic acid for (A) and any of the L-isoleucine biosynthetic enzyme activities as the species of (B), with traverse, for further examination on the merits. Claims 5-8 read on the elected Species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring an election of a single disclosed Species for EACH of the following (A) and (B):

- A. Amino acid produced
 - a) L-glutamic acid;
 - b) L-proline;
 - c) L-arginine; or